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SUBJECT: ROK CABINET SHAKE-UP

IN INITIAL REACTION, JAPAN ANTICIPATES NO BASIC CHANGES IN ROK AS A RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S CABINET SHAKE-UP. PRES PARK RETAINS COMPLETE CONTROL OVER MAJOR DECISIONS. CLOSE TIES WITH US AND JAPAN WILL CONTINUE. SAME APPROACH TO PYONGYANG WILL BE MAINTAINED. FONOFF BELIEVES THAT APPOINTMENT OF FORMER DIPLOMATS TO PRIME MINISTERSHIP AND FOREIGN MINISTRY POST SIGNAL EFFORT TO TRY TO STRENGTHEN THE ROK'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION, ESPECIALLY IN THE UN AND WITH NON-ALIGNED. RETENTION OF MOST ECONOMIC MINISTERS INDICATES CONTINUITY IN DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICIES. FONOFF SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT CHANGES REFLECTED POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRES PARK AND KIM JONG PIL AND SPECULATED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MAY HAVE STEPPED DOWN FOR A "BREATH" IN PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE - POSSIBLY AS PARK'S EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT.

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